




Speech By
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Federal Election

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (6.02 pm): This Saturday my electorate of Mansfield has a clear choice: the choice between a stable Shorten Labor government or more cuts and chaos of a Morrison-Turnbull-Abbott-Hanson-Palmer government. I urge my Mansfield electorate community to vote for Jo Briskey—Labor for Bonner.

Jo is a fantastic person—intelligent, hardworking, a strong community advocate—and a qualified psychologist. For the past five years Jo has been the executive director of The Parenthood, Australia's peak advocacy organisation for over 63,000 parents, so Jo understands the challenges that face our local families and mature age residents. As such, she has announced much needed commitments to our Mansfield electorate should we elect her this Saturday.

As many members are aware, education has been my career, my life and my passion to ensure that young people have the opportunity to achieve their personal and professional goals for a better future. The Mansfield electorate is undergoing a significant transformation. Education is the key reason why young families move to my electorate. With 19 high-performing schools, it is a hub of educational excellence. Only Labor and Jo are committed to early education. Labor has a plan to guarantee 15 hours of kindy a week for every three- and four-year-old—4,200 Bonner children—the biggest investment in early education in Australia's history.

A Shorten Labor government will restore a \$14 billion cut to Australian schools. Labor will inject a further \$18.84 million into state schools in Bonner: \$2.6 million for Mansfield State High School; \$1.6 million for Rochedale State High School; \$890,000 for Mansfield State School; \$270,000 for Mount Gravatt East on top of the \$630,000 committed to Wishart State School, and as part of our Fair Funding plan Labor will also pledge \$360,000 for a new playground at Wishart; \$430,000 for Upper Mount Gravatt State School; \$830,000 for Rochedale State School; \$370,000 for Mackenzie Special School; and \$120,000 for Mackenzie State School.

In addition to our great state schools, a federal Labor government will invest \$460,000 into Mount Gravatt TAFE after local apprentice numbers have plummeted under LNP cuts. A federal Labor government will deliver 56,000 new apprenticeships and TAFE places with no up-front fees for Queenslanders as part of our Queensland skills guarantee. Labor also has a plan to reverse the LNP cuts to universities to give the next generation the best start to their tertiary studies and ensure a bright future that is so important to my aspiring community who value education.

I am proud that Jo Briskey—

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